

armor. First, the measure increases the penalties criminals receive if they commit a crime wearing body armor. Specifically, a violation will lead to an increase of two levels under the Federal sentencing guidelines. Second, it makes it unlawful for violent felons to purchase, use, or possess body armor.

This legislation is included in S. 254, the Juvenile Justice Crime bill, which is in its final negotiations in a joint House-Senate conference committee.

It is my hope that the Conference Committee will finish its job quickly so that we can provide a lasting tribute to Officer James Guelff. This legislation will better protect our police officers by making sure they are adequately supplied with body armor, and that hardened criminals are deterred from using body armor.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me on this special day in honoring Officer James Guelff and celebrating the life of a true American hero.●

#### HONORING ALASKA'S VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE

● Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, earlier this year the Alaska Legislature passed a resolution honoring Alaska's Veterans of Underage Military Service. This is an important veterans organization in Alaska, and I would like to let the Senate know a little bit about it by submitting the text of the state resolution in the RECORD.

I ask that the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The resolution follows:

#### RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE HONORING ALASKA'S VETERANS OF UNDERAGE MILITARY SERVICE

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature is proud to commend Veterans of Underage Military Service and its members for their attempts to locate and assist all underage veterans of America's armed forces.

Throughout history, nations have called upon their youth to fight their wars, and it is inevitable that some men and women under the legal age, usually driven by strong patriotism, have enlisted in the armed forces. In some instances, these youth were discovered and separated from the service having already seen action. After being discharged from one branch of service for being underage, many promptly enlisted in another branch of the armed services.

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature recognizes these men and women who understood the importance of fighting for freedom and honors their valiant efforts as defenders of the United States of America during times of war and peril. The Veterans of Underage Military Service Veterans was formed in 1990 to help such individuals, who were frequently discharged from the service and stripped of their awards and their military benefits.

The goal of the Veterans of Underage Military Service organization is to contact all veterans who served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces when they were under legal age and to advise and assist them in obtaining a proper discharge and veterans'

benefits. A secondary goal is to establish a historical record of underage veterans by publishing their names, deeds, and stories. The organization currently consists of more than 1,000 members nationwide who served in the United States Armed Forces before they were of legal age.

The Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature wishes to recognize Alaska's own members of the Veterans of Underage Military Service: Judd Clemens, Michael Mitchell, Gordon Severson, Gene Wheeler, Larry Connolly, Miles Pierce, Elsie Sexton, and Thor Weatherby.

We, the members of the Twenty-first Alaska State Legislature honor the Veterans of Underage Military Service. We commend them for their attempts to locate and assist all underage veterans of the United States Armed Forces and support their efforts to make "whole" these national heroes.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDY FRENCH, EDDIE WILSON, AND LIBBY O'FLAHERTY FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to honor three individuals who define heroic action and the selflessness of many of the citizens of the State of New Hampshire. While only teenagers, these three individuals acted with maturity and grace in saving the life of Carol Black of Newton, Massachusetts.

Andy French, Eddie Wilson, and Libby O'Flaherty, all of Gilford, New Hampshire, were enjoying a quiet afternoon on the lake when they spotted Carol Black. Upon seeing the body of the unconscious woman in the water of Lake Winnepesaukee, the three youths selflessly came to her aid. They did not hesitate before saving her, a testament to their individual honor.

Mr. President, in a society where we too often hear stories of youth violence, it is refreshing to hear of heroic deeds such as this. Too often, the actions of a few that have wandered from the fold overshadow those who have acted with continual kindness.

It is one of the deepest pleasures for me to be able to rise today to honor these three individuals from my home area. Their kindness and dedication sets a precedent for other youth to follow. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

#### ADDRESS BY KING ABDULLAH OF JORDAN AT THE KENNEDY LIBRARY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on October 14, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston hosted a dinner in honor of King Abdullah II of Jordan.

In his remarks, King Abdullah spoke eloquently of the strong ties between the United States and Jordan, his vision for strengthening peace in the Middle East, and his hope of creating new opportunities for future generations in Jordan.

Like his father, King Hussein, King Abdullah cares deeply about the Jordanian people and stability in the region, and his comments are very inspiring. I believe that all of us who care about the future of the Middle East will be interested in his remarks, and I ask that they be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow:

SPEECH BY HIS MAJESTY KING ABDULLAH II AT THE KENNEDY LIBRARY IN BOSTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1999

Senator Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Manning, Ladies and gentlemen, allow me first to express my sincere gratitude for this beautiful evening which Rania and I shall cherish for the rest of our lives.

Senator, I would like to add my voice to all those who have paid tribute, over the years, to the Kennedy family, for the contribution that they have made to the improvement of human life and for the painful sacrifices that have made us all realize the value of true citizenship.

I say that Senator, because I also happen to belong to a family that has devoted itself since the turn of this century to the improvement of the life of the Arab people. Over the years, many sacrifices have been made to ensure that the freedom, liberty, and integrity of the Arab mind is sacrosanct, that the rights of the Arabs are not forgotten or betrayed and that their future is protected.

As I conclude my second working visit to the United States, I am very proud of the special relations that bind Jordan with your country. The foundations of these ties, so carefully laid by my late father have seen us making peace with our Israeli neighbors, and subsequently guarding its sustainability and continuity. Through our partnership with America, we have built a unique model in our region. It is a model of peace that is cemented by the respect of the principles of democracy, freedom of expression, political pluralism, free economic enterprise, and human dignity. It is being continually reinforced through our positive interaction with our neighbors.

Most importantly, it is the necessary requirement for successfully facing the challenges ahead which are numerous and quite complex. In my mind, the most daunting task that I have set myself to accomplish is to guarantee that our younger generation get an equal opportunity like others elsewhere in the world: An opportunity to be active participants in the shaping of their own destiny, one that will hopefully focus on technological advances in science, on being a part of the information technology revolution, and on being able to enjoy the best of education, medical care, and environmental standards.

These are big challenges that necessitate, first and foremost, that we rid ourselves of the dark past of war, conflict, and strife in our region, prior to getting ready to embark on a future course of promise, rewards, and accomplishments.

These challenges require more than ever that the partnership with the United States be solid, strong, and sustainable. The role that the United States has played in the making of peace in our region must be complemented with continued efforts designed to rehabilitate our region. If it is to effectively participate in the community of nations, not through conflict, but rather through a concrete realization of a new positive role.

All of you present here tonight can contribute to the making of a new region. We in

Jordan will continue to provide the model, but we need your support and contribution.

I do not want to keep you any longer; suffice it to say that I am very grateful to all of you for your interest, your support, and your determination to help us attain a dream that befits the dawn of a new millennium.

Thank you again, and we hope to see you in the near future in our part of the world.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR CLINT CROSIER

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Major Clinton E. Crosier, an Air Force Fellow on my staff, and commend his superior performance throughout this past year as a key member of my national security team.

Major Crosier has been on active duty since 1988. During his 11-year career he has served as an Executive Office and Operations Management Officer, during which time he deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has served as a Satellite Operations Flight Commander, overseeing the operations of part of the Air Force's multibillion dollar constellation of military communications satellites; and also as a Missile Operations Crew Commander and Flight Commander, supervising the training and certification of over 200 of the nuclear launch officers serving as the backbone of America's nuclear deterrent.

During his career, his outstanding performance and professionalism has been recognized by his selection as the 90th Missile Wing's Staff Officer of the Year; 28th Air Division's Company Grade Officer of the Year and Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Winner; three-time selection as unit Company Grade Officer of the Year; Unit Evaluator of the Year; and Unit Flight Commander of the Year. Major Crosier is also a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force's Operations Management Officer school and Squadron Officer School, and graduated first in his class during satellite operations training and missile operations training.

Upon arrival at the Pentagon just over a year ago, Major Crosier was tasked with building the Air Force's first ever Air Command and Staff College program for Congressional staff. This program, known as ACSC, is a 44-week graduate level program designed to provide mid-career officers with an in-depth understanding of the principles and application of air and space power. This was the first time in history this program had been offered to Congressional staff. In this capacity, Major Crosier was directly responsible for the graduation of 18 staff members from both the House and Senate in a ceremony last month over which the Secretary of the Air Force presided. During this ceremony, Secretary Peters heralded the Capitol Hill ACSC

seminar Major Crosier built as a "very important tool to cement the important partnership between the Air Force and the Congress . . . that will serve indefinitely as a bridge between our two great institutions." Additionally, Secretary Peters praised Major Crosier personally by describing his effort as an "astronomical benefit" to the Air Force.

Most recently, Major Crosier was one of only 10 officers in the entire Air Force selected for the prestigious Legislative Fellowship program, through which he came to work as a member of my personal staff. The Air Force's Legislative Fellowship program is designed to identify the Air Force's highest caliber performers through an extremely competitive selection process. These individuals are then provided an in-depth education in the legislative processes of Congress through a one-year assignment in a Member's office, to prepare them for future senior leadership positions in the Air Force. Throughout the past year, he has been an invaluable resource to me, and a credit to the United States Air Force.

Due to his vast experience in space and missile operations, Clint was able to provide me with expert assistance in my capacity as Chairman of the Strategic Force Subcommittee on Armed Services, providing technical expertise on a myriad of advanced space operations and missile defense programs. He quickly became an expert on dozens of programs critical to national security. Major Crosier also was responsible for performing topical research and preparing me for dozens of Armed Services Committee hearings, and provided a vital role on a number of wide ranging issues from the Department of Defense Authorization and Appropriations Bills to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Vieques Weapons Range.

Major Crosier has been an outstanding addition to my staff, and has served with the highest degree of integrity and distinction. His performance has earned my highest praise, and he has distinguished himself as one of the top military officers I have had the great privilege to know during 16 years in Congress. Major Crosier has demonstrated himself to be one of the Air Force's brightest future senior leaders. As Major Crosier departs the Senate to serve on the personal staff of the Secretary of the Air Force, I extend my sincerest appreciation for his valuable and professional service. I will not only miss Clint's knowledge and efficiency, I will also miss his enthusiasm. Clint is an honorable and dedicated individual. I wish he, his wife Shelle, and their children, all the best in future endeavors.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE CHANGES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 228, submitted earlier by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:  
A resolution (S. Res. 228) making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 228) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 228

*Resolved*, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or the provisions of rule XXV, the following changes shall be effective on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Intelligence: Add Mr. Mack.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 229 submitted earlier by Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 229) making certain majority appointments to certain Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 229) was agreed to, as follows:

#### S. RES. 229

*Resolved*, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Roth (Chairman), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Lott, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Mack, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Coverdell.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Helms (Chairman), Mr. Lugar, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Mr. Grams, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Frist, and Mr. Chafee.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Smith of New Hampshire (Chairman), Mr. Warner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bond, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mr. Chafee.

Committee on Ethics: Mr. Roberts (Chairman), Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, and Mr. Voinovich.